GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE
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Promotion of Pesticides
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Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government has taken/proposes to take any steps to promote specific pesticides, herbicides and fungicides to control pest attacks on crops in the country; and

(b) if so, the details thereof and if not, the reasons therefor?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF AGRICULTURE AND FARMERS WELFARE

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(a) & (b): The Government is implementing "Strengthening and Modernization of Pest Management Approach in India" through 35 Central Integrated Pest Management Centres (CIPMCs) of Directorate of Plant Protection Quarantine and Storage established across the country with an aim to promote Integrated Pest Management (IPM) approach. CIPMCs inter alia, produce biological agents for release in the fields, conserve natural bio-control agents, promote other alternative to chemical pesticides and advocate judicious and safe use of chemical pesticides, which are registered by the Registration Committee (RC) constituted under the Insecticides Act 1968, as a last resort.

In addition, Indian Council of Agricultural Research (ICAR) advises RC registered pesticides to control diseases. Further, ICAR develops and validate Bio-Control agents which are applied to manage disease, pests.etc. A number of bio-pesticides such as neem based formulation have been developed and registered for use.

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